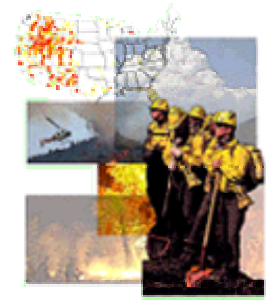


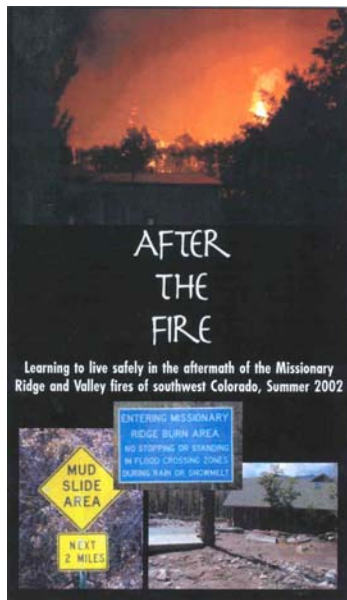
NATIONAL FIRE PLAN

“After the Fire” Video

San Juan Public Lands, Durango, CO



This educational video was developed to alert residents to the dangers still facing them in the aftermath of the Missionary Ridge and Valley Fires of 2002. The video was a collaborative effort between Durango Community Access Television, the Office of Community Services at Fort Lewis College, La Plata County Office of Emergency Management, and the Forest Service. It was funded by the San Juan Public Lands Center.



After a short history of the fire, the video goes on to describe ways residents can protect their homes from flooding, traveling in flood-prone areas, and defensible space messages. The video highlights safety measures taken by the county (flashing road signs, flood hazard warning signs), the Forest Service (early warning precipitation gauges), and measures local residents can take (NOAA weather radios).

The partners hosted an initial screening of “After the Fire” at the Diamond Circle Theatre in Durango, Colorado on February 27, which was attended by over 200 people. Additional screenings took place during April in Pagosa Springs, Bayfield, Durango, and Cortez as part of Fire Prevention and Education Month. During April and May, the video was shown on the Durango Community Access Television station as well. The Lutheran Disaster Relief Coalition helped in distributing the video, as well as other informational materials, to all residents adjacent to the burn areas. Over 600 videos, funded by La Plata County and the Forest Service, have been given out to local residents so far.

Ch. 13 in Albuquerque was so impressed by the video that they took it, added 30 minutes of additional footage from their files and showed it throughout the Southwest in early June 2003 on the anniversary of the Missionary Ridge fire.

Copies of the video are available from the Public Lands Center at 15 Burnett Court in Durango.